

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of USSN: 09/923,963

Group Art Unit: 1745 (expected)

Serial Number: **Unassigned**

Examiner: **Susy N. Tsang (expected)**

Filed: **February 26, 2004**

For: **MANUFACTURING METHOD OF A METAL HYDRIDE ALKALINE
STORAGE CELL (As Amended)**

Attorney Docket No.: **981032B**

Customer No.: 38834

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 26, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees in this application and examination on the merits,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.